"RESOLVED"

"I shall attend to my little errands of love
Early this year
So that the brief days before Christmas may be
Unhampered and clear
Of the fever of hurry. The breathless rushing that I
Have known in the past
Shall not possess me. I shall be calm in my soul
And ready at last
For Christmas, "the mass of Christ." I shall kneel
And call out His Name;
I shall take time to watch the beautiful light
Of a candle's flame;
I shall have leisure — I shall go out alone
From my roof or my door;
I shall not miss the silver silence of the stars
As I have before;
And oh, perhaps if I stand very still
And very long,
I shall hear what the clamor of living has kept
from me —
The Angels' Song!"

Anonymous

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December First Deadline

Each church has received lists of their present subscribers to Congregational Kansas along with a letter telling of the plan for 1954.

Only churches having 20 percent of their total membership subscribing, will be entitled to the 50 cent rate. All others will pay 75 cents.

We hope every church will be putting on a real campaign for new subscribers or including an amount for a well-chosen list in the 1954 budget. Several churches are sending it to every family who subscribes to the budget. In other churches one devoted key person solicits subscriptions from every family. Whatever your plan — get Congregational Kansas into every home.

December First is the Deadline

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Please Note - 1954 Per Capita

In keeping with the request of the General Council for an increase in per capita dues, the 1954 Per Capita asking in Kansas will be 25 cents. In 1953 the dues have been 20 cents, with 16 cents going to the General Council and 4 cents remaining in Kansas to carry on the work of the associations, the expense of our State Conference meetings and a share of the work of the Kansas Council of Churches. In 1954 we will meet the General Council asking of 20 cents for their work and 5 cents will remain in Kansas to cover the above mentioned fellowship concerns.

Loan Fund Honor Roll

Anthony responded to the Loan Fund recently with a check for $368.00. Topeka Central sent in a Declaration of Purpose for $6000.00.

Dates To Remember

Town and Country Church Conference — Kansas State College, Manhattan, January 13 and 14.

Mid-Winter meetings in Cleveland, Ohio, January 21-28

Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday — Youth Week — January 31 - February 7

Washburn Ministers' Convocation — February 16, 17, 18

Women's Department Board Meeting, State Parsonage, March 1, 2

Ash Wednesday — March 3

World Day of Prayer — March 5

Easter — April 18

Centennial Celebration — State Conference — Lawrence, May 4, 5, 6

Camp Wa-Shun-Ga — Senior — June 6-12

Camp Wa-Shun-Ga — Junior — June 13-19

General Council — Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut — June 23-30.

Fall Association Meetings

Southern at Whitewater, October 5

Eastern at Kansas City Rosedale, October 7

Western at Great Bend, October 10-11

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"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Fred Smith of Ellis

There they are, five wonderful words of invitation, sounding forth to all God's people in this year of our Lord: 1953. People who live on facts and fears trembling say that this is the atomic age in which we are on the threshold of the annihilation of 15,000,000 people.

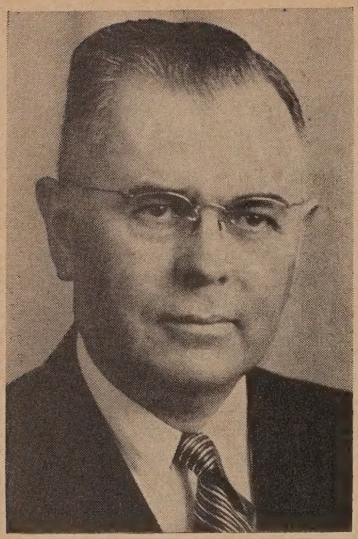
Maybe so, but we who have grounded ourselves in God with a religion motivated by the ever-living Christ, look abroad and see the wonderful works of His Church, and we are not dismayed, neither will the millions be destroyed. I am writing these brave words while in attendance at the Mid-west Regional meeting in Wichita. Message after message has been given sounding forth "the trumpet that shall never call retreat." We have seen "the glory of the coming of the Lord."

O that men would take up the refrain of the marvelous 107th Psalm which reads: "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." There it is, folks. Don't forget, at this season of the year especially, to say "Thank You" in church and out of church to the "Author and Giver of every good and perfect gift."

God deserves it. Give Him his just desserts. This is to grace our Christianity with the graciousness of courtesy. Prepare yourself arithmetically for the occasion according to the counsel of the popular hymn of our day:

> "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed;
> When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
> Count your many blessings, *name them one by one,*
> And it will surprise what the Lord has done."

Then with all God's people who have not forgotten their good manners, you will join in singing the song of Harvest Home, not only for the things which fill the stomach and clothe the body, but for all those graces which redeem the souls of men.



Dr. Elmer Kirkpatrick

Dover's Minister

Dr. Elmer Kirkpatrick, who came as pastor of the Dover Federated Church, September 1st, is a native Kansan. He is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri; and of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, with the B.D. degree. He did post-graduate study in the Divinity School of Chicago University and in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Kentucky. From the latter he received the degree of Doctor in Theology in the spring of 1941.

Most of his ministry has been in Baptist churches in Kansas, serving Arkansas City, Coffeyville, Pratt and others. Before coming to Dover, he had served in The Federated Church of Ingalls, Kansas for four years.

Dr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick have two sons; the elder lives in Lawrence, Kansas and the younger in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Davidson's To Iowa

The Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Q. Davidson, after more than 30 years ministry, all but five years spent in our Kansas churches, have accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Oskaloosa, Iowa and will begin their work there the middle of November.

The Davidson's have served our churches at Strong City, Maize, Haven, Kinsley, Wellington and Wichita Fairmount before taking over leadership in the Wichita Council of Churches four years ago. In addition to leadership in each local church, they have been active in the larger fellowship. For the past several years Mr. Davidson has been Registrar of Southern Association and a member of the Conference Board of Trustees. Mrs. Davidson has served on the Women's Board and was Vice Chairman for the Midwest Regional Meeting recently held in Wichita.

The Davidson's have three married sons: George who is in business in Cathlamet, Washington; John D. who teaches music in Newton and Forrest who also teaches music in the Manhattan schools.

Kansas' loss is Iowa's gain. We wish the Davidson's Godspeed until they return to us.

Service of Licensure

At a special service in connection with the evening meeting of Eastern Association, Robert E. Gurtler and Donald J. Meek were granted licensure. Mr. Gurtler is serving our Maple Hill Congregational Church while finishing his work at Washburn University. Mr. Meek, also a student at Washburn, is serving our church at Carbondale. Both plan to enroll in seminary on completion of their work at Washburn.

Louis B. Bender, Jr.

Bender Ordination

Eastern Association in session on October 8 authorized the ordination of Louis B. Bender, Jr., of our Manhattan Church. The ordination is set for Sunday, November 29 in our Manhattan Church. Mr. Bender graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary last spring and has recently returned from Europe where he was a member of an Ecumenical Work Camp sponsored by the World Council of Churches.

It is a great pleasure to welcome our Kansas sons back to their home churches for their ordination to the Christian Ministry. Mr. Bender is known to many in Kansas thru his work at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga and his Student Summer Service Work at Pauline and Carbondale. We hope that many will be able to join in this important service the afternoon and evening of November 29.

Installation Service

Each installation has something in common with other installation services, yet each has his own individual characteristics. The installation service for William F. Keeney at First Congregational Manhattan Church on the afternoon and evening of October 25th reflected the genuine joy and happiness of pastor and people in this newly established pastoral relationship. From 5:30 to 7:00 an informal reception and tea was held in Pioneer Hall. The remark that touched off many a greeting was this: "Would you believe that we now have to put people in the balcony to accommodate the Sunday morning congregation?" The examination of the pastor to be installed was scarcely an examination. However, sections of his revised ordination paper were well received and the unanimous vote of the association was truly a vote of full confidence in the pastoral relationship being established.

The formal service of worship was distinctive in that all parts were well received as was the falling rain outside. The Rev. Ray Carlton Jones, Moderator of the Eastern Association, presided at the evening session and the Rev. Elmer Erickson, Registrar, presided at the Examining Council. Scripture was read by the Rev. Waldo Crippen of Milford. The charge to the Congregation was brought by the Moderator and the Charge to the Minister by the Rev. Christian G. Nelson. The State Superintendent in his message, challenged the church and minister to share in the Church's ministry on the highest spiritual level of Congregational tradition. The climax of the service came with the new bond celebrated in the observance of Holy Communion under the leadership of the minister installed.

Around The Associations

The speakers were outstanding, the attendance was good, the weather was fine; even the World Series cooperated by ending the day before our Fall Association meetings started.

Southern elected Mrs. John Jones of Towanda, Moderator and Mr. Lyle Anderson of Partridge, her assistant. The Rev. Frank Richard was chosen Registrar and the invitation to meet at Whitewater next fall with the Rev. Louis Poppe and his people was accepted.

Eastern will meet next year at Kansas City Rosedale with the Bonny's and their church people. The Rev. Ray Carlton Jones of Topeka First as Moderator will be assisted by Mrs. E. B. Milliard of Manhattan. The Rev. Elmer Erickson was re-elected Registrar.

The Rev. S. Duane Ogden of Osborne is Western Moderator and the Rev. Harald Wisegarver of Smith Center was elected Registrar. The Rev. Henry Eden Wright and his people at Great Bend will entertain the fall meeting.

Jones - Jones and Jones

It looks like Kansas Congregationalism will at least have to attempt to "keep up with the Joneses" in the coming months. With Mr. Gordon Jones as State Moderator, the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones as Moderator of Eastern Association and Mrs. John H. Jones, Moderator of Southern Association, there is little alternative. Western could not follow the pattern since they have no minister by the name of Jones, but Mrs. Gene Clay Jones of Garden City is President of Western Association Women's Work. So let's all go forward with the Joneses in this our Centennial Year.

Centennial Caravans in Demand

Seldom has any program of service initiated by the Conference Board of Trustees met with such hearty response as has the Centennial Caravan Program. Born at the Planning Conference, September 14, the Caravan was organized and at work ten days later.

As we go to press, 47 of our 75 active Kansas Churches have asked for visits by a caravan. As Superintendent, I want to express my deep appreciation to the 23 leaders who are giving so sacrificially of their time and energy to this important task. Travel expense for the caravan team members is being paid by the conference, but the work is wholly a labor of love. We are grateful to the churches who have released ministers to give time to this service to other churches. This technique gives promise of a new day in strengthening the bonds of fellowship between our Kansas churches.

Much credit is due to the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones, Chairman of the Centennial Caravan program, who with the help of Mrs. Rymph, has put the program into action with speed and efficiency; and to the following team members: The Rev. Alfred H. Bartter, Chester Bidleman, The Rev. Marvin D. Brown, Mrs. Ralph Ewing, The Rev. George Fisk, Mrs. John W. Gibson, the Rev. Theodore N. Goodale, Daniel R. Hopkins, Gordon N. Jones, Karl Klooz, Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, Wm. J. Manspeaker, Charles Pierce, the Rev. Hans Poppe, Mrs. W. J. Rudrauff, the Rev. J. D. Schmidt, the Rev. Dale E. Turner, Elmer E. Wedell, Mrs. Elloit White, the Rev. Malcolm White, Levi Zimmerman, the Rev. Richard R. Zoppel and Mrs. Robert Lange.

(Photo—Courtesy Ben F. Hammond, Wichita Eagle)

Left to right in front are: Rev. Jos. H. Evans, Chicago, meeting chaplain; Dr. Merle Rymph, Topeka; Dr. Stuart L. Anderson, Berkeley, Cal., keynote speaker. Left to right at rear are Dr. Ray E. Philips, Johannesburg, South Africa; Dr. Frederick M. Meek, Boston, Mass., and Bekispo Dhudla, Natal, South Africa.

One Man's Reaction To The Midwest Regional

The theme for the Midwest Regional meeting of the Missions Council, "Christ's call and Our Response" was iterated and repeated, and woven into addresses and sermons by the speakers at the numerous sessions of this gathering.

Motive For Missions

The mood of the meeting was Evangelical rather than ethical and social. The primary motive for missions is not merely to take good will to the ends of the earth, but to proclaim our Faith in Jesus Christ. Christian Conversion is of the essence. The gospel has made and will make all the difference in the world. We are not concerned with foreign missions; we are convinced that there is only Christ's outreach and it must touch and heal all the world.

Dare Not Retrench

It was recognized that there are some, of course, who question the necessity of the whole missionary enterprise and who wonder if in the hard circumstances of our times it would not be nicer to cut down and retrench. However, nearly everyone agreed that reductions had the inevitable result of lessening the effectiveness of the Proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world, and the time was at hand when we must speak up boldly to our whole constituency, who profess a belief in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour for the whole future of world society is

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A panel on "Missionaries, Nationals, and Churches, and the Rising Tide of Nationalism." Left to right, front row, Dr. Ruth Isabel Seabury, Boston; Rev. Joseph J. Ratnarajah, Jaffna, Ceylon; Mrs. Floyd Davidson, Wichita, presiding officer; Rev. Fumio Yamamoto, Japan and Dr. Ray E. Phillips, South Africa. Back row, Miss Mariam D. Brown, India; Dr. Henry Little, Jr., Philippines; Dr. Alford Carleton, Syria, and Bekisipo Khulepani Dludla, South Africa.

in our hands as Christians. We must plot a strategy of Christian advance for generations to come. We must outdo the Communist in reaching and winning the masses of the world.

Imperative World Situation

The world situation that confronts us makes the missionary task and the missionary appeal more imperative than ever. For this is an age of darkness and an age of false values. It is an age when old securities have gone and men and nations are in a state of indecision and confusion. If the battle is not to be lost, if the world of our time is not to enter a new era of persecutions and paganism, it is necessary that the proclamation of the gospel of Christ and the winning of men and women to His way must go forward at high speed.

No Alternative

Missionary interest for people deeply imbued with the spirit of Jesus is not an extra. It is a necessity of their being. Jesus said long ago — and His message to us is the same today. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." One thing, however, is apparent from even a slight acquaintance with the facts; many of the members of our churches have been shirking their responsibilitiy in this regard. They have allowed missionary enthusiasm and missionary support to be the prerogative of the few instead of the concern of the many. The time has come when that situation must be changed, at least, it must be changed if the Eternal is to overcome the secular. Each one of us who is deeply touched by the missionary challenge must try to realize afresh the value of personal initiative in winning the support of others for this cause. The World for Christ must be more than a pious sentiment, a fervent hope, it must become a great hearted resolve.

—Henry Eden Wright,
Great Bend

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Roger Brown, President **Mike Walker, Secretary**

Sally Irving, Russell Western Secretary

Sally Irving Reporting

Western Association area Junior Hi P.F. Rally held on October 4th had 57 present with Athol, Cora, Osborne, Gaylord, Downs and Smith Center represented.

Gorham P. F. entertained the Russell Pilgrims at a Hallaween party on October 28.

Smith Center's newly organized P.F.'s now boast 25 in their Senior group and 15 in the Junior Hi. By selling pop at the country softball games they cleared $175.13. With the money they have purchased a three speed record player and a ping-pong table for the church and bought equipment for basketball, volleyball and badminton. The Rev. Harald Wisegarver is pastor and sponsor.

Centralia

Both Senior and Junior groups are going strong this year according to reports from Mrs. Glen Argo. Both groups had line parties to Sabetha to attend the showing of "Martin Luther". They are having their "Work Day for Christ" observance in November.

K. C. Ruby

A bake sale sponsored by the Jr. Hi P.F. marked their observance of "Work Day for Christ" according to Mrs. Wm. H. Cox. sponsor. They sent in $35.00 for Christian Action as a result.

Topeka Central

Ninteen pilgrims produced 3384 cookies under the guidance of Aunt Margaret Epps on October 17. Generous and interested adults purchased the 282 dozen cookies. By their efforts they netted two things — a feeling of united strength and $42.14 which was given to Our Christian World Mission as their "Work Day for Christ" Contribution.

Farewell Party

Lenora P.F. gave a party in early September for their members who left for college and jobs.

Fish Pond

Junior Pilgrims at Whitewater sponsored a fish pond at the Fall Festival on November 6.

College Class

Mr. Herb Walkden of our Manhattan Church is teaching the college class at church shcool. They are making a comparative study of religions. About 25 attend each Sunday.

Speaker in Nebraska

Norky Jones, former president of Kansas P.F. spoke at a recent meeting of the Lincoln Association in Nebraska. Norky is a student at Doane College. Recently he was laid up for a few days following a knee operation.

Plan A Caroling Party

No season affords so much opportunity for service as does Christmas. Be sure your plans include singing carols to shut-ins and older people.

Beginning Again

After its summer vacation, Topeka Seaman started with a party on Oct. 11. Aunt Polly Bloomer was their guest speaker on the 18th, presenting the purposes and objectives of P.F. New officers elected were, Fred Rinner, President; Reta Allen, Vice President; Carolyn Strimple, Secretary-Treasurer. A planning session was held on Oct. 25th when committees were selected; plans made for the year; and closed with a singfest. With their sponsors, Arlene Schmidt and Betty Brady, they had a Candy Booth at the church's Fall Festival with proceeds for "Work Day for Christ."

From "Wings"

The Russell newsletter reports a Three Church Junior P.F. Rally in Russell November 15. This strikes us a unique, but good idea; Russell Pilgrims who went out for tricks or treats on Halloween solicited safety pins, buttons, thread, needles, and fish hooks instead of the usual treats. These were sent to Micronesia and Korea.

"YAV" Now Available

The new Audio Visual Kit containing seven sound film strips in 33⅓ recordings is ready for your use from the Conference Office. This series helps to interpret the various commission areas of our youth program. These films are for use in the senior high programs rather than for junior highs. We urge that careful preview be made by leaders before presenting this material to the group. They are not for entertainment but for study and discussion. The titles include:

We Have This Fellowship (Christian Fellowship)

The Faith of a Guy (Christian Faith)

Gallery of Witnesses

I Found a New World (Christian Action)

The Measure of a Man

How Wide is Our Circle (Christian Fellowship)

Big Enough to Tackle

Plan Now For Youth Week

The Manual for planning activities for the week January 31 - February 7, 1953 is available from the National Council of Churches, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago, Ill.

"Crossroads Decisions"

This is the title of the new Youth Fellowship Program booklet and will be available in December for senior highs. The author is Rev. Henry Rust, our National Pilgrim Fellowship Staff member. Other materials in this series are "Everyday Christians", "Faith In Action", and "Living Our Religion". They are not dated and may be used at any time.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Special Family Night Series

Lawrence Plymouth started a new series of dinners and meetings on the first Wednesday night of each month. The program is planned primarily for parents and their children. It provides an inexpensive meal, instruction and entertainment for each age group. The cost of the meal is $2.00 per family regardless the number of children. Group singing follows the meal while the children go to different departments of the church school for singing, games, movies and various types of entertainment. Care is provided for toddlers and cribs for babies. Parents remain in the parish hall for a program geared to their interests and needs. On October 7 Dr. Eric Wright, psychiatrist at Kansas University discussed "Ways of Disciplining Children." While these meetings are planned primarily for parents and their children, others are welcome. Regular church night dinners are held another night.

"A Day of Thanksgiving"

Do not miss this first story in the Fall Quarter Family Book, Pioneer Days in America. It will make a good prelude to the Thanksgiving activities suggested. A lovely centerpiece is described for your table as well as other decorations for the house. A Thanksgiving Psalm and other outlined activities can make this day an outstanding one for "the family". This family book includes stories and activities for the Advent and pre-Christmas season.

Thanksgiving With Jesus"

This is a color filmstrip for children showing the Jewish Feast of Booths as might have been celebrated by Jesus when he was a child. Helps to guide children into a knowledge of the deeper meaning of Thanksgiving. Good portrayal of Jewish life.

"Story of Thanksgiving"

Traditional and historical filmstrip in color of Thanksgiving in America. Older Primary through Youth.

"Let Us Give Thanks"

Sepia filmstrip with worship guide for Thanksgiving worship service built around the harvest. Includes call to worship, hymns and prayers. Youth-adults.

"Harvest From Holidays"

Family filmstrip with recordings. How to make the most of holidays with the family. Emphasizes Christmas.

Russell Sends Clothing

Mrs Ralph Ewing, Missionary Education Chairman for the Church School, reports they have sent 885 pounds of clothing to Church World Service. When postage is included to get much needed clothing to some far destination around the world, this makes a sizeable contribution from any church school.

Friendly Service At Christmas

Girls in the Near East like to sew but they need cloth to do so. They can use remnants as well as bolts. Garments made by girls in some of the schools who have received materials are given to needy children. Collect remnants and bolts of any type fabric from the women of the church and then plan to have a Christmas party. Why not decorate the tree with the cloth. The remnants may be rolled and tied with ribbon and hung on the branches. The tree might be hung with additional decorations from cut-out ads of cloth and sewing equipment. The bolts of cloth could be arranged at the base of the tree. Send the material to the Congregational Christian Service Committee, 110 E. 29th Street, New York, 10, N. Y. Write the State Conference Office for other Friendly Service projects.

The Christmas Program

There are many types of programs available for this festive occasion. A few are listed below that are in the Conference Office. We suggest you write if you have a certain type of program or service in mind and we will be glad to try to secure it for you. Pilgrim Press list is also available.

See **Program Manual** for play - "Christmas in the Country."

"The Adoration of the Kings and Shepherds" is an appealing candlelighting pageant which through pantomime dramatizes the Shepherds and Wise Men as told in Matthew and Luke.

"Why the Chimes Rang" is a Christmas pantomime based on the story by the same name. A copy of the book is needed along with a 35 cent guide.

"Six New Christmas Candlelight Carol Services" which use candlelighting to create a beautiful and reverent atmosphere.

"Cokesbury Christmas Programs" give three full-length programs, three short-length for children and young people. Other materials included.

"Jumbo Christmas Book" is a collection of Christmas plays, services and programs.

"The Family Celebrates Christmas" and **"Roads to Christmas"** are two family books that should greatly enrich this season of the year for any family using one or both. Fifty cents from Pilgrim Press.

"Christmas Around the World" is a color filmstrip with records. Shows customs from many countries around the world using as a theme "Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas Tonight". Write Conference for booking. One copy so get your order in early. No charge except payment of postage.

IMPORTANT NOTICE —

a new postal regulation has been put into effect on the mailing of films within state. They now go for library book rate — 4 cents for first pound and 1 cent for each additional. However, it must be marked "Sec. 34.83 (e), P.L. & R." with the name of church appearing on address.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Bonny, Beatrice, Erich and Francis

A Joyous Occasion

The Bonny's report the celebration of their tenth wedding anniversary as much more elaborate and much more fun than the occasion it commemorated. The festival was the opening event of the month which was dedicated to home and family. Films on family problems were used at a church dinner. Sermons for the succeeding Sundays were, "Whomsoever God Has Joined Together," "The Mystery of Parenthood" and "The Art of Living Together."

Anthony Achievements

Volunteers recently redecorated the sanctuary and large side parlor room. A group of members and friends also arranged to buy the pastor recordings of the New Testament in view of his recent blindness as well as a typewriter stand. The Rev. Mr. Benson was recently elected president of the Anthony Ministerial Alliance, a much appreciated expression of confidence and good will on the part of the ministers of the city.

Recognition Service

The Recognition Service for John B. Schlarb at Downs on October 29 was a Vicinage Council, authorized by the Western Association, with only the ministers and churches of the North Central section of this association invited and present. Such a limited council is made necessary in the western association by the great distances involved in travel. The examination council was held at 4 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing the minister's credentials and hearing his statement. After a roll call vote, the church council authorized the 7:30 service of recognition. At 6 o'clock a courtesy supper was served by the Downs Church.

Ministers of the cooperating churches who shared in the evening service were Duane Ogden, Samuel Le Page, Harald Wisegarver, James McKeeman. Other guest ministers sharing were the Rev. LePoy Hugh Banks, Episcopalian supply minister who has twice served as interim supply at Downs and Supt. L. M. Rymph who brought the Recognition Service Message on the theme, "The Christian Ministry."

For Free

The Plymouth Church of Lawrence is making available a large number of anthems. Their choir library is heavily overstocked and they would be glad to have any choir director from their fellow churches look it over and make selections, without charge. If you are interested, please write to the Music Committee, Plymouth Congregational Church, 925 Vermont St., Lawrence, Marian Brockway, Music Chm.

One Good Generation

It has been said that if we could raise one generation of children well, the nation would be strengthened everlastingly. Children reared in love and security get along with their fellow citizens at home and abroad. The benefits of their happy upbringing are handed down from generation to generation.

The hitch is that every year it becomes harder to give children the love and security they need. Young and old alike are disturbed by preparations for war. The trend toward urban living has put more and more families into smaller and smaller houses with little space for social life. Schools are overcrowded and teachers harassed. The specialization of the assembly line has made industrial work desperately monotonous. One mother out of every five with children under 18 works away from home. The fabric of family life is in urgent need of strengthening.

Ten Dollar Stag Dinner

Eighty men attended the fourth annual stag dinner at Centralia recently. Proceeds go to pay the indebtedness incurred in remodeling the church building several years ago at a cost of $30,000.00 Only $700.00 remains to be paid. Speakers at the dinner were the Rev. Dale Turner and the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones.

Laymen In Charge

On Sunday, October 18, Laymen's Sunday, Mr. Paul Morris of Russell was guest speaker at Osborne United. Other Laymen taking part were J. C. Gordon, Earl Doak, H. J. Calvin and O. D. Gregory.

New Furnaces

Sponsored by the women at Stanley, new gas furnaces, three in number, are being installed to make all parts of the church comfortable for the winter. Stanley, under the leadership of the Rev. Franklin L. Jost is showing marked progress.

Friendly Service

Mrs. J. J. Dwinelle of Gorham reports that they recently sent 3 comforters and a lot of good used clothing to Ft. Berthold.

Mound City - Blue Mound Leader

The Rev. F. F. Raleigh took up leadership in this yoked field in late October. He is a Disciples Minister coming to Kansas from New Franklin, Missouri.

Rueben Trickey Says:

"Many times in my life I have been repaid for the efforts I have put forth in the ministry. For the 5th time I will assist in ordaining a young man from one of my former parishes into the Christian Ministry. A former Life Scout; member of the Church; and of my boys' Sunday School class — choir and youth group. But above all he had a Christian home — and wonderful Christian parents. I expect to go to South Dakota for the Ordination Service."

Whitewater Fall Festival

This occasion held November 6 included sale of livestock by the laymen, a bazaar by the women and a pancake supper put on by the men. Rev. Louis Poppe, Minister is general chairman.

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

If you haven't purchased your copies of "A Century of Congregationalism in Kansas" send at once to the Conference Office. Price until January 1, $2.50 each.

Our Christian World Mission

The first church in our Kansas fellowship to send in an O.C.W.M. pledge for 1954 which is approximately a fulfillment of the $6.00 per member goal was Lawrence Plymouth. This church with a few more than 800 members pledged $4,800.00 to O.C.W.M. Their generous second mile giving will bring their average over the $6.00 national goal. Several other churches have made the recommended increase as a step toward the $6.00 goal. However our state-wide average so for in 1953 is only about $3.50 per member. How does your church rate? If you have not pledged an increase for 1954, won't you plan for several special offerings to bring your giving nearer the goal?

Lillian Picken In Kansas

Two of churches had the rare opportunity of having Lillian Picken speak during her brief itinerary in Kansas. She was in Osborne November 1 and 2 and spoke to the Women's Guild at Russell on November 4. Miss Picken has served under the American Board in India for 35 years. She is a native Kansan, born in Eureka she later lived in Russell and Hays. Her father was an early president of Fort Hays College, after whom Picken Hall is named. She spent three days at the college before leaving the state.

New England Dinner

The 79th New England Dinner at Kansas City First Pilgrim will be held on November 19. Mrs. Horton Honnell is general chairman. This is a really festive occasion in the life of First Pilgrim each year.

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Conference Centennial Celebration
Lawrence Plymouth Church
May 4, 5, and 6, 1954

In Which Pew Are You?

In most churches there are quite a number of pews that look very much alike, but are really widely different.

There is first of all the Critical Pew. It watches the minister with eagle eye; even when he makes an impression on all the other pews our Critcial Pew remains dumb. The choir knows it, and grows nervous. The singing is too light or too heavy. The janitor comes in for his share of attention, for the church is always too hot or too cold. The Critical Pew finds everything except blessing.

Then there is the Irregular Pew. Sometimes it is full, sometimes it is empty. On special occasions you may safely count on its presence, but when funds are being raised you will make little mistake if you reckon upon that pew's tenants being elsewhere. It enjoys very little blessing.

On the other side of the church is the Cordial Pew. It is radiant with sunshine, greets others with genuine cordiality, and listens with joy to the words of life. On the way out the Cordial Pew fairly beams: "A most inspiring sermon! The singing was fine!" There is a good deal of blessing received by the occupants. of the Cordial Pew.

Last there is the Prayerful Pew. It spends a moment with bowed head in silent prayer on entering. It comes to worship and brings the spirit of worship along. It sings heartily, hears the sermon prayerfully. When the minister rises to preach, he unconsciously turns toward the Prayerful Pew. Then his heart grows warm, his spirit is afire, and his voice rings out in clarion notes of victory.

Which of the pews will you be found in as you come to worship?

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THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL ACTION BOARD OF REVIEW

In March, 1952, the Executive Committee of the General Council took action which resulted in an impartial study by a Board of Review of the activities of the Council for Social Action. The Board, consisting of nine carefully chosen men, representing differing points of view has completed its work. The miracle of it all rests in a unanimous report, signed by all members. Each member was given the privilege of writing an additional comment, amplification or disagreement. Two personal testimonials are therefore attached by two members amplifying their personal convictions. Copies of the report may be secured from the General Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, for $1.00 per dozen copies. The report also appears in the November 2 issue of Advance. We recommend study of the report by interested members in all our churches.

It is to be noted that the Council for Social Action has already accepted in principle the recommendations of the Board of Review and is operating in line with them thereby meriting the continued support of our churches. Final action on the matter will be taken by the General Council in its regular session at Yale next summer.

Below is a copy of the resolutions adopted unanimously by our Manhattan Church at a called meeting held on October 25, 1953:
1 — Whereas there developed in our church last year a controversery over the National Council for Social Action of the Congregational Church; 2 — Whereas an informal committee representing both sides of the controversery was established in our local church; 3 — Whereas this committee prepared and led public discussions of a "Statement of Agreement" on this matter; 4 — Whereas this statement itself agrees in all essential points with the report of the National Board of Review which was recently made to the General Council; Therefore be it resolved that we, the members of the Manhattan Church, accept the conclusions of the Board of Review concerning the proper goals and functions of social action work as our own conclusions and consider our local controversery on this subject settled on that basis.

Mary R. Harman, Clerk
Manhattan Congregational Church